

## FROM BISHOP KEANE.

A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

No Criticism of Its Management by the Archiepiscopal Conference--Its Affairs in Splendid Shape.

(By telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 19.--The attention of the Right Rev. John J. Keane, rector of the Catholic University of America, was today called to the statement sent out from New York last night by one of the press associations of the country concerning an alleged discussion by the conference of the Catholic Archbishops in New York yesterday of the condition of the Catholic University in this city.

In this statement it was said that the university is not in a condition which is satisfactory to the Church authorities, and that it is by no means the success it promised to be when it was established two years ago.

The statement, as sent out by the press association referred to, further says:

"At that time our own documents were sent off in Europe and America to fill the several charts, and it was anticipated that students would flock to the institution in large numbers. The result has been that the number of students on the university rolls is far more than the membership of the faculty."

This unfortunate condition of distrust is alleged to be due in a measure to the subject of criticism by one of the faculties, who is said to have been disappointed in Rome and was not in consonance with the ideas of the Catholic hierarchy in this country. This particular

was caused by Dr. Josephine Boucqueau, who came from the University of Lille, France.

She had been appointed to the chair of matricology in Washington by Bishop Keane, the president of the university.

General exception was taken to the tenor of the pamphlet, which was pronounced in its arguments in favor of State supervision of schools.

It was argued that the orthodoxy of the university should be above suspicion, and all its teachings should be in perfect accordance with the teaching of the Holy See.

See Bishop Keane's statement.

Bishop Keane read the article in question, and to a representative of the Associated Press made the following general statement, which may be followed by more specific in character if upon inquiry the Bishop learns that the university was not satisfied with the articles discussed in yesterday's statement:

"I have no reason to believe that the university has been in any way dissatisfied with the article of the *Archbishop* [sic].

It is very unlikely now that the affairs of the university are in the hands of a board of directors, five of whom are members of the faculty, and who hold meetings annually the last meeting having been held in May last. The association of the faculty of the university in an amateur fashion and conduct seen on the face of the institution to say the least. No such conclusion was reached by the Board of Directors, who carefully looked over the affairs of the university.

The statement in regard to the fewness of the students in the university cannot have come from any one who has an authoritative knowledge of the nature of the institution and who is willing to do justice, in the first place, to a professoriate that is distinctly amateur, and, in the second, to the university members of the faculty.

One of the former patrons of the university who is willing to do justice, in the first place, to a professoriate that is distinctly amateur, and, in the second, to the university members of the faculty, knows that means many professors and few students. Any one may ascertain this by referring to the post-graduate institutions of the country.

Never, it seems, was there so much talk about the future of the Baltimore Council,

as there is about the

ATTACHMENT FOR OTHER ANIMALS.

Cats often become very much attached to dogs, horses, and even cows. They will sometimes rear young rats, rabbits, squirrels, puppies, hedgehogs, and pigeons. There is record of an instance where two cats were reared together, feeding each other, and known to man as a twin. It is well known to man that cats are very fond of vermin, which would otherwise devour the fresh-sown seed in the fields and eat the grain before it was ripe for harvest.

USED AS CLOCKS.

The Chinese utilize cats as clocks. They set them in a cage, and the cage grows steadily narrower until 12 noon, when they are like fine hair-lines, gradually dilating after that hour. When a Chinaman wants to know what time it is he picks up a cat and finds out. There is an old story of a Chinese man, who, when he was a prisoner of London, who only escaped starvation by employing skilful tactics to catch mice for his food. Notwithstanding the accusation of selfishness brought against them, they are very affectionate animals, usually attaching themselves to one person or preference to all others.

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It is stated that the British Admiralty has in view the details of fourteen or fifteen warships for the Hampton Roads review, but those in a position to know declare that England has not yet decided upon the strength of ships that to do so would require of her Herculean efforts, whereas the French, well prepared as they are and with their battleships now either at Brest or at Toulon, are not only able to match the English in every respect, but are at home more battleships of the same fighting strength. The British warships are for the most part scattered. The French warships are nearly all in French ports.

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COAT SHOWS.

The cat shows are held in England, have done much to develop popular interest in cats. Finely-bred animals command at present very high prices. The various breeds are as well recognized and the points for judging them as carefully determined as with dogs. There are a great many other breeds of cats for male tom-cats. Oddly enough tom-cats seem always to be males. A cat with a sitting hen and to keep the young chicks warm by permitting them to creep under her. The fact has yet to be realized that the cat shares with the dog the natural tendency to be protective.

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THE ROYAL CAT OF SIAM.

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